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DECLARATION OF RACHEL MUNTEAN UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

I, Rachel Muntean, declare and say as follows:

1. I am employed as an Office Specialist by the University of Minnesota, 450 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455-2070, an assignee and owner of the above-identified application by assignment from co-inventor Mohamed E. El Halawani (submitted herewith), an employee of the University of Minnesota.

2. I give this Declaration to support the assignee's claim that diligent effort was made to obtain the signature of co-inventor Seungkwon You on a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

3. On February 9, 2001, I prepared and sent, via the interoffice mail, a package to Mohamed E. El Halawani the package contained a letter (Exhibit A; a true and accurate copy of the letter dated February 9, 2001), from my supervisor, Jeff Carpenter, to Mohamed E. El Halawani, requesting that he sign and date the enclosed Declaration/Power of Attorney and Assignment and then route the paperwork to his fellow co-inventor, Seungkwon You. The package also included a copy of the specification, including claims and drawings, accorded Serial No. 09/754,826. Mohamed E. El Halawani later informed me that Seungkwon You no longer worked for the University of Minnesota and had returned to Korea.

4. On June 26, 2001, I contacted Seara Creg in the Case Management Group at Schweggman, Lundberg, Woessner & Kluth, P.A., the law firm representing the University of Minnesota in the above-identified matter, to inform her that I had been unable to contact

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Soungkwon You to obtain his signature on the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 2001

TO: Mohamed E. El Halawani

FROM: Jeff Carpenter, Ph.D.   
Licensing Associate

RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/754,826  
Use Of Passive Myostatin Immunization  
U/M Docket Z00173

Attached are **Declaration/Power of Attorney and Assignment** documents for your recently filed patent application. The Assignment informs the Patent Office that the University is the owner of the patent, while the Declaration says that you are one of the true inventors of the technology being patented.

Please sign and date the documents, making sure that your signature matches the typed name. If the address shown is not your current home address, please cross it out, write in the new one and initial it on both documents. **The Assignment must be notarized.**

Then route to your fellow inventor at the University for signature. When both of you have signed the documents, return them to me.

Thank you for your help.

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